Test fire of 'Nag' missile

811. SH. SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a step forward in Integrated Guided Missile Programme, India has test-fired the anti-tank guided missile 'Nag' on Wednesday, September 9, 1997;

(b) if so, the success achieved; and

(c) whether this places India, at par with developed countries in realising high performance missiles?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) In the recent developmental flight series in September, 1997, the Nag system has been successfully evaluated for its top attack capability.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Duggal Committee Report on Jail Reforms

812. SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee headed by retired Justice S. Duggal on jail reforms has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the salient points and suggestions made in the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The Committee has submitted its report to the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi.

(b) The main recommendations contained in the report relate to categorisation of prisoners and the facilities to be provided to them creation of conditions commensurate with basic human dignity; reduction of overcrowding and congestion in jails; provision of legal assistance to the prisoners; and strengthening of the scheme for the rehabilitation of discharged prisoners; etc.

Crime Ratio

813. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of crimes reported under I.P.C. in the country during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the crime ratio per lakh population in the States and Union Terriroties during the same period State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Available information relating to cognizable crimes under the I.P.C. during the relevant period is given in the enclosed Annexure [*See Appendix 182, Annexure No. 15*]

Dismissal of SPOs

814. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the Special Police Officers (SPOs) of the Delhi Police were dismissed recently;

(b) if so, the number of SPOs out of the total who were dismissed; and the reasons for their dismissal;

(c) whether they are replaced by new SPOs; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Hindustan times dated 19-9-97 alleging that these SPOs were replaced because they did not act according to the whims and fancies of the local police officers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Delhi Police have reported that 205 Special Police Officers out of a total of 1577

were dismissed for reasons including poor performance, absenteeism, misuse of power, change of residence and complaints received against them.

(c) Delhi Police have reported that 223 new Special Police Officers have since been appointed.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Delhi Police have however, reported that there is no truth in the allegations made in the news-item.

Changes in Police System

815.SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been no basic changes in the Police system in the past 50 years;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering any proposal to bring out any changes in the system; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Public perception is that there has been a general fail in the performance of the police as also a deterioration in the policing system as a whole in the country and that there is need to bring about certain reforms and structural changes in consonance with the developments which have taken place during the last 50 years or so in the administration of criminal justice in general and police functioning and practices in particular. The Home Minister has written to the State Chief Ministers in this regard. Reforms and restructuring of the police system in India was also the subject matter of a meeting of the Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Home Affairs held recently.

As 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, it is essentially for the State Governments to take such measures as are necessary to improve the police and policing in their respective jurisdiction. Within the constitutional limitations, however, the Central Government has been emphasising on the States to bring about such changes in the functioning of their police as are necessary to meet the expectations of the people. The stress by the Government of India has been not only to modify the existing recruitment and training practices in the States but also to modernise their intelligence, weaponry and communication system to keep pace with time. Apart from advisories, the Central Government has been providing, since 1969, financial assistance to the State Governments through its scheme of Modernisation of State Police Forces as well as by releasing money on the basis of the recommendations of the Finance Commissions. The multi-crore project *viz.*, Crime-Criminal Information System, providing for a computer in each of the districts of the country, has also been implemented by the Central Government. These computers will be linked to each other in due course.

Ethnic confrontation in Manipur

816. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the concrete steps Government propose to take in order to evade a major ethnic confrontation between the Meitie majority and the Nagas in Manipur and solve their problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): The Government have taken several steps which include, *interalia*, assurances that the territorial integrity of Manipur will be protected, special watch on the activities of mischievous elements and advice to the State Government for regular interaction with the media, political leaders and other influential non-government organisations for the maintenance of communal harmony in Manipur. Collection and sharing of intelligence is also being improved and the Security Forces are alert. The offer of unconditional talks with all militant groups in Manipur has also been reiterated.